

A temperance resolution was referred to the committee of Resolutions.

Upon motion David Augustine and Martin Shively were re-elected members of the National Mission Board.

The following messages of greeting from the Virginia District conference and elder J. W. Beer were received and read:

ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 27, 1898.

Moderator of the Brethren Conference:—All send fraternal greetings and pray divine wisdom to guide your councils.

D. C. MOOMAW.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in General Conference Assembled:—I do earnestly pray and strongly hope that you all may enjoy the best of health physically, morally and spiritually, so as to enjoy fully the scenery, the association, the deliberation, consultation and conference. I do not know that the Brethren in California will be represented at Winona by even one member; but I do know that some of us would be delighted to be there, and that in our self-denial we are there in mind, in heart, in spirit, and that our emotions and desires shall mingle with yours at the throne of grace. Inspired by the Spirit of God, in the name of the Son of God, we do implore God our heavenly Father to bestow special blessings upon all our dear brethren and sisters in conference, so that they may be governed by the Word of God, directed and led by the Spirit of God, that all your decisions may be for the greatest good of the greatest number, redound to the highest glory of God, and encourage the enlightenment, conversion, and regeneration of the world as well as the sanctification and ultimate salvation of our beloved brethren and sisters in Christ everywhere.

Our camp-meeting, 3 miles southwest of Lathrop, opens on the same date that the conference does, and we desire a special interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters everywhere, that our efforts may be successful, and that much good may be realized and accomplished.

If we cannot meet in this life, may we so live as to meet in the kingdom of immortal glory.

"Greet one another with an holy kiss."

"All the saints salute you."

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen." II Cor. 13:12-14.

ELDER J. W. BEER.

Vernalis, Cal.

Report of committee on General Conference rules was read and referred back to the committee for farther action.

The following were chosen by their districts as members of their executive committee: Pennsylvania, J. F. Koontz; Ohio, A. D. Gnagey; Indiana, G. W. Rensch; Virginia, J. M. Tombaugh; Illinois, Z. T. Livengood; Kansas, A. J. Hixson.

Moved and carried that brother A. D. Gnagey be requested to publish his sermon in the EVANGELIST.

The committee on "Rules to Govern Future Conferences" made report as follows which was adopted. ♣

ON FUTURE CONFERENCES.—The following for holding Conferences were adopted:

1. The General Conference of the Brethren church shall consist of delegates from the congregations of the Brethren Church, together with one representative chosen by each District Conference.

2. Each congregation of the Brethren Church is entitled to representation in the National Conference on the basis of one delegate for every fifty members, or fraction thereof, and of an additional delegate for every fifty additional members or fraction of ten or more.

3. No delegate shall be entitled to represent more than one vote in the National Conference.

4. The delegates from each District present at each National Conference shall meet before the Conference adjourns and choose one of their number to act as a member of a National Executive Committee, whose duty it is to arrange for the next conference.

5. This Executive Committee should meet and organize and report its organization before the adjournment of the Conference in session.

6. The National Executive Committee will hold its office until its successor is elected.

7. The sessions of the National Conference shall hereafter be held annually, unless it will have designated at its last meeting how soon the next meeting should be held.

8. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote except that on the request of any delegate, the question shall be decided by a two-third's majority vote, the request to be made before the vote is taken.

9. The officers of the Conference shall be elected as follows: (1) The Moderator, Vice Moderator and Secretary shall be elected by ballot without nomination and shall be elected by a majority vote of those voting. In case of no election on the first ballot, on the second ballot the two having the highest number of votes shall be the candidates. (2) The Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Statistician shall be elected by acclamation.

10. Immediately after the permanent organization of the Conference is completed the Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees whose duty it shall be to name such other committees as shall be necessary.

11. The following rules of order shall govern the deliberations of this Conference:

(1) Any member of the Brethren church not a delegate shall have the privilege of speaking before this Conference, but shall not be permitted to vote. (2) No person shall be permitted to speak on any question more than twice except by the consent of the Conference. (3) No person shall speak on any question without first addressing the chair and receiving his recognition. (4) The first speech of any speaker shall not be longer

than ten minutes, and the second than five.

J. L. Gillin, J. A. Miller,
A. J. Hixson, J. M. Tombaugh,
J. H. Knepper, W. C. Perry.

The committee on resolutions made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

We your committee beg leave to offer the following:

Under the guidance of a merciful God we have again been permitted to assemble in general conference and confer as to our work and the best method of advancing the cause of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

That we do now and here affirm to make a greater sacrifice and more strenuous effort, the coming year, to promote the interests of the Brethren church.

That, as ministers we be more systematic in the keeping of records, and thorough in the work performed.

That we reaffirm our allegiance to our creed, The Bible "as the only rule of faith and practice and that we give more time to the study of that word that we be workmen that needeth not to be ashamed" and thus be able to deal in a Christ-like manner with humanity: By so doing build a distinctively Christ-like church in faith and practice.

1. The thanks of this convention is due the Winona Lake assembly for the use of their grounds and the courtesy shown us while here.

2. To our moderator, Brother Tombaugh for his fair and impartial ruling in this assembly.

3. To Brother Gillen for his excellent report on the churches and we respectively urge that his successor use the same method and questions this year and that we as ministers try to so conduct our work and keep our records that we can answer all questions intelligently at the proper time.

4. That as far as is possible we give our support of Ashland college and by prayer and means we aid Brother Miller and his co-workers in making said institution a success.

5. That we stand by and do all in our power to assist Brother Gnagey, our editor in making the BRETHREN EVANGELIST a success.

6. That we as a church, do deprecate the fact, that our nation fosters by the nefarious license system the open saloon for the dispensing of intoxicating liquors, and that we insist such a business cannot be licensed without sin and we urge upon all to so work and vote as to destroy the venomous serpent—the open saloon, which is the enemy of the church state and home.

7. That we the delegates of the Brethren church assembled in national assembly at Winona Lake Park, Ind., August 1898, urge upon our president of the United States, Hon. Wm. McKinley to, if he has not already, abolish the order by which the demoralizing and debauching canteen system now exists in the volunteer and regular army.

We believe such system is debauching and demoralizing to the boys who left pure homes